

**Andrew Jackson to James Gadsden, October 12, 1829,
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TO CAPTAIN JAMES GADSDEN.1

1 Copy. Handwriting of A. J. Donelson.

Washington, October 12, 1829.

. . . . You may rest assured that I shall adhere to the just and humane policy towards the Indians which I have commenced. In this spirit I have recommended them to quit their possessions on this side the Mississippi, and go to a country in the west where there is every probability that they will always be free from the mercenary influence of White men, and undisturbed by the local authority of the states: Under such circumstances the General Government can exercise a parental control over their interests and possibly perpetuate their race.